



# CEWARN Monthly

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## IGAD COMMEMORATES AFRICAN YEAR OF PEACE 2010



*Some of the participants of the regional conference pose for a photo with IGAD Executive Secretary Eng. Mahboub Maalim*

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) convened a commemorative regional conference on the African Year of Peace 2010 from 25-27 November 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The conference titled 'Challenges and Prospects on Peace and Security in the IGAD Region' was aimed at raising awareness on the African Year of Peace 2010 as well as promoting the cause of Peace in the IGAD Region.

The conference brought together Member State representatives from both governmental and non-governmental sectors; all IGAD programmes on peace and security including the Conflict Early

Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) as well as collaborating institutions and development partners to discuss current and emerging peace and security threats in the region with the view to inform IGAD's programmes and priorities.

Other topics that were covered by the conference included best practices in IGAD Member States in Conflict Prevention, Management and peace building; a review of current peace processes in the region including the ones of Somalia and

Sudan; use of indigenous knowledge and customary institutions in Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution (CPMR) as well as the role of women, civil society organizations and the media in promoting peace in the IGAD sub-region.

The conference was presided by the Executive Secretary of IGAD, Eng. Mahboub Maalim as well as high-ranking government officials from the host country, Kenya. ♦

## Kenya Launches a National Conflict Early Warning and Response System



*Kenyan high-ranking government officials including Mr. Francis Kimemia, Permanent Secretary for Provincial Administration and Internal Security in the Office of the President and invitees including Ag. Director of CEWARN Mr. Raymond Kitevu pose for a photo during the launch ceremony*

The national Conflict Early Warning and Response Unit (CEWERU) of Kenya held an official launching ceremony of the national Early Warning and Response System on 25th November 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.

According to Mr. Samuel K. Maina, Head of the national CEWERU of Kenya, the rationale for the establishment of the national early warning and response system was a pressing need in Kenya for a capacity to undertake timely and effective action to prevent and mitigate all violent conflicts. He stated that the need was even more pressing following the negative effects of the 2007 electoral violence.

Mr. Maina also stated that the Kenyan System is modeled after the regional Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) of the Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which has been serving as platform for collaboration among IGAD Member States on the prevention and mitigation of cross-border pastoral and related conflicts.

Mr. Raymond Kitevu, the Ag. Director of CEWARN on his part commended Kenya for taking the lead in the IGAD region in taking advantage of the support provided by CEWARN and establishing a country-specific conflict early warning system that would work to mitigate and prevent all types of violent conflict in the country. He stated that this initiative provided further impetus to CEWARN's aspiration of expanding to cover other types of conflicts in the near future.

The Kenyan national Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism has a system of peace and conflict monitoring that allows it to receive and analyze information from its peace actors (local peace structures) that operate across the country as well as the media. Furthermore, the system uses innovative systems including SMS messages and use of social networking websites such as twitter and face book to get information from the public domain that could be used to avert crises. It also runs a website that allows the public to post information and multi media content called Amani Kenya @

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### **CEWARN convenes an experts meeting on draft Mid-term Review Report of the CEWARN Five year Strategy Plan (2007 – 2011)**

CEWARN organized an experts meeting on 29 November 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya to finalize the Mid-term review report of the CEWARN Five Year Strategy (2007-2011).

CEWARN finalized a review of its Five-Year Strategy Plan which has been guiding its activities from 2007-2011 with the aim of identifying successes and challenges of the mechanism and its activities in order to strengthen activities in the remaining period of the strategy.

The experts meeting that followed a regional forum convened in August 2010 - was tasked with conducting a final review before presentation of the report to the senior organs of CEWARN and IGAD - the Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response (TCEWR); the Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) and IGAD Council of Ministers - for endorsement.

The experts meeting brought together Heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs) and CEWARN Country Coordinators as well as the Acting Director of Peace and Security Division of IGAD; a representative of USAID/EA and CEWARN staff. ♦



## More News ...

### CEWARN Conducts mission to Juba

CEWARN conducted a mission to Juba in Southern Sudan from 11-12 November 2010 and met CEWARN Field Monitors and Assistant Country Coordinator to discuss CEWARN's activity on the Sudanese side of the Karamoja Cluster particularly on collection of field data and timely reporting. The meeting focused particularly on challenges in timely submission of reports as well as related infrastructural gaps.

### CEWARN Conducts Quarterly Planning Meeting with USAID/EA

The quarterly meeting brought together the CEWARN Ag. Director Mr. Raymond Kitevu, CEWARN Staff, and representatives of USAID/EA's Nairobi Office. The meeting reviewed CEWARN's activities for the period between September and November 2010 and discussed outstanding issues particularly in relation to programmes and activities that are supported by USAID/EA such as the ICT 4 Peace Project.

The meeting also discussed activities and programmes to be implemented in 2011 with USAID/EA support including the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation system for CEWARN and support to peace initiatives in the Somali Cluster.

### IGAD Mediation Workshop

The CEWARN Ag. Director Mr. Raymond Kitevu attended a mediation workshop on 28 the November 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya which is part of current efforts by IGAD to set up a Mediation Unit.

## Call for Consultants

CEWARN is looking for a qualified consultant to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation System that would provide a framework for effective monitoring and evaluation of all CEWARN programmes and activities as well as all functional linkages with other IGAD organs and partner institutions. For full TOR, visit the vacancy section of CEWARN website. Deadline for Application is 25 January 2010.

### Upcoming events:

- o *CEWARN Technical Committee on Early Warning and Response (TCEWR) and Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) Meetings, Date and venue to be confirmed.*
- o *Exchange Visit of Djibouti CEWERU to Kenya - Date and venue to be confirmed in early 2011.*

## Pictorial



Photos depict Ethiopia-Kenya Pastoralists meeting in Kinna, Isiolo District, in Kenya. The meeting organized by OPA-Ethiopia and PSI -Kenya was dubbed "university of the bush" as it involved presentations of research papers on themes ranging from peace and security in the area to land; camel milk; camel market and grazing systems. Photo and Story- courtesy of Ms. Abdia Mohamud , CEWARN Field Monitor for Isiolo



Safer world and Embassy of Netherlands in Kenya show support to Isiolo District Peace Committee activities. Photos depict the two organizations providing playing balls and other materials to Kilimani Primary School in Burat, Isiolo District which has been suffering from conflict in the area. There was a shoot-out incident in the school grounds by unidentified men in September 2009. Photo and Story- courtesy of Ms. Abdia Mohamud , CEWARN Field Monitor for Isiolo District in Kenya